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- 2. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 1 in which the pivot axis passes through the body portion.
 - 3. (Amended) The actualor assembly as recited in Claim 1 in which the pivot axis is proximate that end of the motor remote from the pinion.
 - 4. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 1 in which the gear rack includes at least one stop to limit movement of the rack relative to the body portion.
 - 5. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 4 in which each stop engages the drive shaft.
 - 6. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 5 in which each stop engages a portion of the drive shaft on the side of the pinion remote from the motor.
 - 7. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 4 in which the drive shaft passes between the array of gear teeth and a guide portion proximate the gear teeth.
 - 8. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 7 in which the guide portion is supported by each stop.
 - 9. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 1 which further includes a housing in which the motor is secured.
 - 10. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 9 in which the pivot is mounted on the housing.
 - 11. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 9 in which the pivot includes a boss of the gear rack to which in use a lever is attached.

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- 12. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 11 in which the boss at least partially projects through the housing.
- 13. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 9 in which the drive shaft engages the housing.
- 14. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in any one of Claim 9 in which the housing is substantially sealed.
- 15. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in any one of Claims 9 in which the housing has at least a first and second part, the parts having co-operating cut-outs to provide for at least one end of the drive shaft.
- 16. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 1 in which the pivot is mounted on the body portion.

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- 18. (Amended) The actuator assembly as recited in Claim 17 in which the motor is an electric motor.
 - 19. Please cancel Claim 19.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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An actuator assembly including a motor having a body portion and a drive shaft, the drive shaft being drivable connected to a pinion, the pinion drivingly engaging an array of gear teeth of a gear rack the array of gear teeth having a first side adjacent the motor, in which the gear rack is pivotally mounted via a pivot about a pivot axis on the first side of the array of gear teeth.